



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 2

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Re: Draft Physical Water Column Monitoring Sampling Program Characterization Summary

Dear Dr. Law:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed *Draft Physical Water Column Monitoring Sampling Program Characterization Summary*, dated March 2014. The report was prepared by AECOM on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) for the Lower Passaic River Study Area. EPA evaluated the report and the responses to EPA's comments and submitted additional comments on February 26, 2019.

EPA reviewed the responses to comments and the revised report submitted by the CPG in March 2019. All comments were addressed with the exception of comment number 9c. EPA conditionally approves the report as long as comment 9c is addressed. Please finalize the report in accordance with Section X, Paragraph 44(a) of the Agreement. If there are any questions or clarifications needed, please contact me to discuss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diane Salkie", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Diane Salkie, Remedial Project Manager
Lower Passaic River Study Area RI/FS

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DRAFT PHYSICAL WATER COLUMN MONITORING SAMPLING PROGRAM CHARACTERIZATION SUMMARY FOR THE LOWER PASSAIC RIVER STUDY AREA DATED MARCH 2014

No.	Page No.	EPA Specific Comments 2/26/2019	Response to EPA Comment 3/22/2019	EPA Response
9	Table 3-1	c. Sample ID's for location 10B-T054-P1 are listed as both "Bridge" and "Bridge St.". These should be consistent.	c. Unique sample IDs were assigned for each of the 4 samples collected at 10B-T054-P1 during the High Flow / Flood Event. This is consistent with the other locations sampled multiple times during this event (e.g., 10B-T104-P1 has sample IDs "Park 1", "Park 3", "Park 4", "Park 5", and "Park Ave 2". These unique sample IDs are necessary to differentiate the samples. No edits necessary.	c. To clarify, it is necessary to differentiate the sample IDs for multiple events at the location, but the sample ID nomenclature needs to be consistent as either "Bridge 1" through "Bridge 4" or "Bridge St. 1" through "Bridge St. 4".